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SOCIAL WORKERS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday 11/16/17, 11:00a.m.

Members: Lisa Haberbusch (Chair), Anna Bomas, Andy Bowers, Carl Brun

Staff: Bill Hegarty (Deputy Director/Lead Investigator), Tracy Hosom, Ebony Turner, Simeon Frazier

Guests: Amber Strickler (Graduate intern with Lisa Haberbusch), Bobbie Boyer (Institute for Human Services)

I. Meeting called to order:

Haberbusch called the meeting to order at 10:50am; shortly thereafter, the committee was formally introduced to Ebony Turner, the Social Work Examiner that recently joined the Board's staff.

II. Approval of Agenda

After reviewing the agenda, it was determined that the full two day agenda could, likely, be addressed on Thursday. Brun moved to cancel the agenda items 1-5 on the Friday agenda. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

III. Motion to approve Minutes

Bomas moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Brun seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

IV. Motion to approve licensees

Bomas moved to approve the lists of 9 SWA, 274 LSW, and 116 LISW licensees earned since the September '17 meeting. Brun seconded. With no additional discussion, the motion passed, unanimously.

Haberbusch offered congratulatory expressions from the committee to Andy Miller for changing positions. They added that they will miss him.

V. Correspondence

A. Request to waive requirement to re-test

Brun moved to deny request to re-instate her license without re-testing, as the rule doesn't allow for it. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

VI. Investigations

A. Closed Cases

- 1. Brun's cases-** Brun moved to accept his 5 cases for closure for the reasons cited. Haberbusch seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.



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2. Haberbusch's cases- Haberbusch moved to close 5 the cases listed, for the reasons listed. Brun seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Hegarty shared that someone was audited, and didn't receive audit notices. She wasn't able to secure the documents, due to the fact that her address was changed twice. Ultimately, her license was revoked. She stated that she never got her documents as her address was changed (and not updated with the board). She had two (2) house fires, and lost her certificates. She was unable to secure duplicate documents. The committee agreed that she would've received all of her documents if she notified the board of the address change she would've received the documents. They were not willing to waive her CEU requirement, and reinstate her license.

a. Consent Agreements:

1. Board v. Kelley

Haberbusch moved to approve the consent agreement based on reasons listed in the document. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

2. Board v. Middleton:

Brun moved to approve the consent agreement for reasons cited. Bowers seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

3. Board v. Stanforth:

Bomas moved to accept agreement for reasons cited. Haberbusch seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

c. Goldman Reviews – Discipline;

1. LSW; Brown-Torres

Bomas moved to revoke her license for failure to cooperate. Bowers seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.



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d. Notice for Hearing: Haberbusch moved to move forward with notice of opportunity for hearing. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Boyer asked if Hegarty was happy with the ethics trainings that the board approves. Hegarty answered "some yes, some no." He stated that a lot of the violations are minor, but valid. Ultimately, he stated that they are satisfied. Haberbusch stated that relative to the 25,000 Social Worker licensees that we have there are, still relatively few violators.

VI. Old Business

A. Hardship Request: Revisiting Military Spouse seeking Non LISW-S training supervisor Military Base in Germany for Volunteer Hours

After reviewing the submitted documents, the committee agreed that the applicant's hardship was warranted. Brun moved to grant the hardship request to utilize the hours towards her LISW application, retroactively, from the time she began the supervision. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

B. Request for Supervision Hours to be counted towards LISW license

Brun moved to accept the most recent year (beginning the time that the supervisor received the supervision credential 10/3/16), with the understanding that the logs are completed diligently, moving forward. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

VII. New Business

a. Hardship Request: LISW aspirant (GA LPC supervisor)

Brun expressed curiosity regarding why the applicant is asking for Ohio licensure, and why she's not becoming licensed as a Georgia social worker. Additionally, the committee is not certain how her Georgia hours can be retroactively counted after a year of work not supervised by an LISW-S or the Georgia equivalent. She provided supervision from Dec. '16 thru Aug. '17, completed in Georgia.

Bomas moved to deny the request for Ohio social work licensure, as isn't wasn't demonstrated that social work is being practiced; additionally, the request wasn't made prior to supervision, and there are independently licensed social workers in Georgia. The committee believes that the applicant can apply to



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be a Georgia social worker. Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

The committee broke for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 1:15pm.

b. Hardship Request: LISW aspirant (Psychologist supv)

Haberbusch moved to deny the hardship, given the requirements listed in the laws and rules, and recommended that the applicant contact an appropriate LISW-S to provide training supervision, even if via video conference, Bomas seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

c. Remediation Plan: LSW licensee (Failed Clinical 4x)

Brun M to approve the proposed remediation plan. Haberbusch seconded. There was no further discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

VIII. NASW Report

The committee discussed with Hegarty that a licensee that is working under the auspices of a church, then you are exempt under statute. The Attorney General's office discussed that the statute doesn't state that a licensee is subject to our jurisdiction, even if they're a licensee. Due to the separation of church and state, it becomes a challenge for the state to go after a licensee, that's related in any way to the church. That ends up being the decision of the AG. The exemption has always existed, but the interpretation has changed over time. Anytime there has been a challenge to the freedom of religion that has been challenging to pursue it, from a legal and discipline standpoint.

The client has a way to self-determination, as they cannot seek assistance from the board, if they don't go to a licensee regulated by the board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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